

Charter Township of Van Buren
Recreation Committee Special Meeting Minutes
Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission
March 9, 2011

Planning Commission meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Members Present: Donald Boynton, Bryon Kelley, Robert McKenna, Sharry Budd, Ken Guenther, Carl Johnson and Chairperson Carol Thompson. Staff Present: Interim Director Terry Carroll.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairperson Gant.

Members Present: Speed Gant, Charles Coleman, Ken Askew, Clerk Wright, Deputy Director Wright, and Recording Secretary Harman.

Absent:

Excused: Joy Ann Ferris, Mark Duff, Ralph Nodwell and Darris Meredith.

Members of the Audience: Sally Hodges, Heather McPhail and Christohper Khorey of McKenna & Associates and an audience of three (3).

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Motion Askew, Wright second to approve the agenda of March 9, 2011 as presented. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Askew, Coleman second to approve the meeting minutes of January 18, 2011 as presented. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Review

Heather McPhail of McKenna Associates gave an overview of the Draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan. She explained the results from the Public Workshop held on January 18, 2011 and the adoption process of the Master Plan to both Committee and Commission members. She focused the presentation discussion on Chapter 5 – Action Plan and went over the goals and strategies of each section. McPhail also explained the VIP Action plan and Capital Improvement Plan for the next five years. Sally Hodges passed out a schedule to Committee and Commission members of the approval process for the Master Plan.

Chairperson Gant requested to have the Willow Run Airport added to final maps.

Planning Commissioner Budd would like to see more current financial information on page 16, Table 2.1 than what is currently reflected. Budd will forward on the correct information to Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates. The Parks Manager position also needs to be removed from the flow chart on page 14.

Committee member Wright inquired about the possibility of swapping 2011 projects for 2012 projects. He would like to see more for teens, the Basketball Courts at Van Buren Park would give the teens something to do. Hodges of Mckenna Associates stated it would be hard to move a \$150,000 project a year early. McPhail asked Deputy Director Wright if there were any concerns at Van Buren Park right now that the switch would impact. Commissioner Budd had

spoken with Director Ross and the 2011 projects needed to be done for the ADA walkway and she doesn't believe that we can move them. Hodges stated that projects can happen in different years when funding is located.

Motion Coleman, Wright second to authorize Parks and Recreation Master Plan to be placed on file for the 30 day public comment period, and ask the Planning Commission to hold a public hearing. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission: Chairperson Thompson confirmed with Director Carroll the proposed public hearing date for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to be held at the regular meeting of the Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 and notification of the public hearing will be published on March 24th giving sufficient time for the 30 day comment period.

Motion Boynton, McKenna second to approve a public hearing date of April 27, 2011. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Askew, Coleman second to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

Planning Commission members adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Harman, Recording Secretary